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As soon as our Mission had any converts, it started to raise up Indian Workers to teach their own people. As villages have very limited or no school advantages, this necessitated gathering such students together in Guntur where the Mission has most of its higher educational institutions. For many reasons, one of the chief of which is the poverty of the people, it also became necessary for the Mission to board and lodge these students and thus originated our Boarding Schools.

The students have all along been kept to the simple life. They sleep and study in the same rooms. Beds are not used. A mat made of palm leaf is the only mattress. The greater part of the year they sleep on the veranda or even outside. The lower class students study together in one hall. The higher study by classes in their rooms. Except the Bible Classes there is no teaching in the Boarders' Dormitories. They go to the Guntur Mission Schools from the primary schools to the College. This brochure will confine itself mainly to the Dormitory side of their lives.



This is a general view of the buildings—the Heyer Memorial Building to the right, the old building and cook houses in the center, and a few of the smaller houses in the background on the extreme left.



This is a larger view of the Heyer Memorial Building. It is a two-story building, 105 feet long, with verandahs front and rear. The up-

stairs has one large hall where boys sleep at night and study by day. It is here also that the daily prayers, Y. M. C. A., and other services of the school are held. This building was erected by funds given by our Christians in India on the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Mission, a Memorial to Rev. C. F. Heyer, the founder of the Mission. It cost \$4500, but at present could not be built for less than \$6000.



This is one of the small square one-roomed houses built of mud and tile-covered in which about a half dozen larger students sleep and study. Such a house costs about \$100. We have altogether 14 of these of which 8 have more than one room. These are houses of the country. In one respect they are much to be preferred to crowded halls. They have, however, this disadvantage that they require frequent repairs. For this reason, economy calls for more substantial buildings.

The students do all their own work except cooking. Not a small part of the work is the drawing of the water.

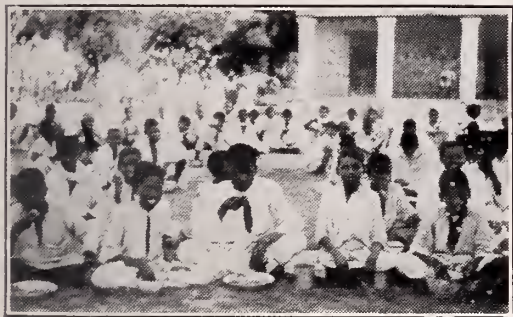


The above view shows how this is done. Wells are open. The creaking of the well wheel is one of the most common forms of Indian music. A number draw the water by taking hold of the rope as is shown in the picture.



This shows the cooking outfit. The diet is simple. One meal a day is rice and curry, the other is Kaffir corn and curry. It is this simple

diet that enables us to feed these boys for about \$1.35 a month each. These meals are cooked in the large cooking vessels made of copper or aluminum. These are shown in the picture. It also shows the head cook, with a ladle, mixing the curry. A third meal can hardly be called a meal, as it consists only of a small quantity of rice boiled in a large quantity of water and they drink rather than eat it.



This shows the boys eating. They are sitting on the ground. Our dining hall has long ago become too small for our increasing numbers. Each one furnishes and keeps clean his own dishes, which are an enameled plate and a tin cup. They eat in the Oriental way with their fingers.

From 7 to 9 in the morning they study and again from 7 to 9 in the evening. School is from 10 to 1 and from 2.30 to 5.



The students line up for numbering before starting to school. They do not all go to one school. Some go to the Watts Memorial College Building, others go to the Central Elementary School. Still others go to a Branch School. The Bible Classes remain, and are the only classes which are held in the Heyer Memorial.





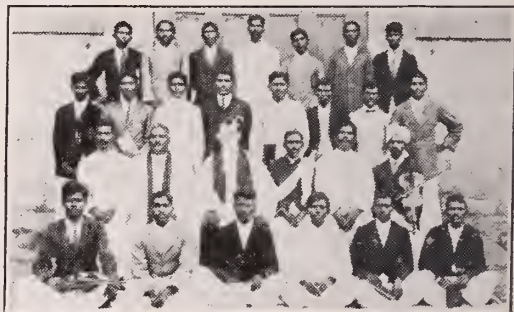
The Central Elementary School Building. It is of the Grammar School Grade. The cross section at the end is new. The building began as a one-room building about 1880. It has grown and now has four classrooms and a large hall with a veranda all around. Such a building would cost, if built new, about \$1500.



One of the classes in above school. They are having an examination in the shade of a tree. That can be done in India where the weather is always warm. It is, however, not possible to do it when it rains.

This is only a sample of the classes. For other views along this line the reader is referred to the brochure on the College.

Our Divinity School or Theological Seminary. It does not yet exist as a building. Two of the three classes are held in the Heyer Memorial and one is held in the vestry of the Stork Memorial Church. This is not as it should be—the Divinity School should be one of the most attractive in outward appearance of any building in the Mission. We hope for at least \$7,000 to put a fine building in this blank space.



This shows the classes and teachers of the Divinity School. The classes number ordinarily about 25. The instructors are 4. As the number of students in the lower classes increases, these classes, too, will increase in the Theological Seminary. It is from these that the Christian workers in the Mission come. Those specially approved are in due course to be taken into a Pastors' Class and given a full theological course preparatory to entering the ministry. There are 12 reading now in such Pastors' Class.



This is the Music Class in the Seminary. Violins, drums and cymbals are the instruments. Those who have no instrument, sing. The Hindu is fond of music and will listen a whole night to a musical entertainment. It is the part of wisdom to give them the Gospel in such an attractive musical setting.

## CONCLUSION.

We have presented only a few sketches from the Guntur Boys' Institution. There is a Girls' Home, also, in Guntur about as large. Then there are Station Schools that are smaller—the largest of which are at Rentachintala, Narsarowpet and Tarlupad. Sattenapalli, Tenali and Chirala are also to have schools. The students in these Mission homes now number 743 and they cost Rs. 30,000 (\$10,000) during the last year. This is not the total cost as Rs. 5819 (nearly \$2000) is raised locally. We want to develop the local support, but we also want our 75th Anniversary to mark a large forward movement. Seven hundred and forty-three are now studying; twice that number are waiting to be taken into school. Why not each reader make it possible for at least one student thus to be received?